

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Prakasam District - Allegations of irregularities committed in the work “O&M of CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other habitations in Talluru Mandal of Prakasam District” – Departmental Proceedings against Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer and FAC Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole now retired from service under the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 193

Dated: 21-03-2025

Read the following:-

1. Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/Talluru/2024, dated 26.02.2024 & 15.03.2024 of ENC, RWS&S.
2. Govt. Memo No.2391621/Vig.VI/2024, dt.27.03.2024.
3. Letter from the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/Talluru/2024, Dated:19.04.2024.
4. G.O.MS.No.27, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt. 21/03/2025.

Order:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer and FAC Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole now retired from service in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer and FAC Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole now retired from service is directed to submit written statement of his defence within 10 days from the date of the receipt of this G.O.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer and FAC Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole now retired from service is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para (3) above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or

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refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte, based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer and FAC Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole now retired from service is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer and FAC Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole now retired from service is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged along with Annexures-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer and FAC Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole now retired from service (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the orders on the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same to the Government for record)

Copy to

The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.

The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (PR&RD, RWS and EFS&T).

The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SK.MARDAN ALI, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AND FAC EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE, ONGOLE NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE:

Charge-1:

That Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole has committed irregularities while sanctioning the O&M estimate technically for the work "CPWS Scheme to Tallur and other Habitations in Prakasam District" for the year 2023-24 and thereby caused financial loss to the Government exchequer.

Charge-2:

That Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Executive Engineer(FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole has committed irregularities in preparation of the O&M estimate of the work "CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other Habitations in Prakasam District" for the year 2023-24 and thereby caused financial loss to the Government exchequer.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF THE IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF EACH ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SK.MARDAN ALI, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AND FAC EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE, ONGOLE NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE:

The Chief Engineer, QA&QC has reported that the O&M estimate for the above said work "CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other habitations in Talluru Mandal of Prakasam District" was administratively sanctioned vide Procs.Rc. No.P3/66/2023, dated 07.02.2023 of Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Ongole with an estimated cost of Rs.76.00 lakhs and the work was technically sanctioned vide CR.No. /2022-23, dt.06.03.2023 of Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Ongole. Further, the Chief Engineer, QA&QC reported that as per G.O.Ms.No.94, dated 01-07-2003, the competent authority should inspect the works before according technical sanction for any work. But Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole has accorded technical of the O&M estimate of the work "CPWS Scheme to Tallur and other Habitations in Prakasam District" for the year 2023-24 on 06-03-2023 without inspecting the scheme. He has also not taken into consideration of the fact that raw water RCC intake well of size 4.50m dia is common for other 3 CPWS Schemes viz., 1) CPWS Scheme of Kanigiri Phase-I & Phase-II 2) CPWS Scheme of Kondepi Phase-I 3) CPWS Scheme to K.V.Palem and other habitations in Cheemakurthy Mandal and approved 9 pump operators and 6 watch-men in the estimate, which is a financial loss to the exchequer. Actually, 2 pump operators and 2 watchmen are sufficient.

Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole has failed to inspect the scheme since long time and also not reviewed the O&M aspects of scheme with the field staff, which has led to the following adversities:

- (1) the non-maintenance of O&M registers like the details of O&M staff engaged, log books for pumping hours of raw water & clear water pump sets and water quality parameters etc. for which they are required for making payment to the O&M Contractor.
- (2) The untidy and unhygienic premises & water leakage from one side cylinder of 4 MLD Micro Filters where the area is with full of jungle and supplying untreated water to public thereby playing with the healths of public.
- (3) panel boards without suitable capacitors at pumping stations due to which higher energy costs and
- (4) defunct gas chlorination system at Head Works

It is established that without assessing the water quantity and quality the O&M bills are being recommended by the field staff to the O&M contractor because of non-performance of duties by Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole. From this, it is evident that he has shown gross negligence, lack of devotion and integrity while discharging his duties, thereby caused loss to the Government exchequer and violating Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge -I.

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From this, it is evident that he has shown gross negligence, lack of devotion and integrity while discharging his duties and has caused financial loss to the Government. Thereby violating Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge-II

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SK.MARDAN ALI, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AND FAC EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE, ONGOLE NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

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2. Govt. Memo No.2391621/Vig.VI/2024, dt.27.03.2024.
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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES ARE FRAMED AGAINST SRI SK.MARDAN ALI, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AND FAC EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE, ONGOLE NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

-NIL-

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